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Applicant (s): James P. Baukus, et al.) Re: Information Disclosure Serial No.: 10/789,261) Group: not yet assigned)
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Sir:

In accordance with the Applicants' duty to disclose information which may be material to the examination of this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that the Examiner consider on the merits the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified) before issuing the first Office Action on the merits. Copies of the foreign patent documents and the non-patent publications listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified) are enclosed herewith for the Examiner's convenience. Copies of the U.S. patent documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified) are not enclosed, pursuant to Deputy Commissioner Stephen G. Kunin's Pre OG Notice dated July 11, 2003, with the exception of U.S. Application Nos. 10/828,022 and 10/881,286 because they have not yet been published.

It should be noted that the above-identified application may be related by subject matter to the following U.S. Application(s): 08/869,824, filed June 6, 1997 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,973,375); 09/696,826, filed October 25, 2000; 09/882,892, filed June 15, 2001 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,740,942 B2); 10/132,523, filed April 24, 2002; 10/637,848, filed August 7, 2003; 10/735,841, filed December 12, 2003; 10/828,022, filed April 19, 2004; 10/881,286, filed on June 29, 2004; and 09/758,792, the inventor and filing date of which is unknown. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56(a) and

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M.P.E.P. 2004, paragraph 9, the applicant brings these co-pending applications to the attention of the Examiner. The Examiner should consider this information during the prosecution of the above-identified application. However, citation of these applications does not constitute an admission that the claims of the present application are substantially similar or similar to those of the applications listed above.

Please note that the U.S. Application(s): 08/869,824, filed June 6, 1997 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,973,375); 09/696,826, filed October 25, 2000; 10/132,523, filed April 24, 2002; 10/637,848, filed August 7, 2003; 10/735,841, filed on December 12, 2003; and 09/758,792, the inventor and filing date of which is unknown were previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on February 26, 2004 for the subject application. Therefore, copies of the above-mentioned documents are not enclosed in this IDS.

The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made (37 C.F.R. 1.97(g)), an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability, or that no other material information exists.

The Applicants believe that this IDS is being submitted before the issuance of a first Office Action on the merits and before the issuance of a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance. Therefore, no official fees should be due; and this IDS should be considered on the merits. If this IDS is being submitted after the issuance of the first Office Action on the merits and before the issuance of a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance, please contact the undersigned to authorize a payment of \$180.00 (or any other

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The person making this statement is the practitioner who signs below on the basis of information supplied by an individual associated with the filing and prosecution of this application (37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c)) and on the basis of information in the practitioner's file.

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Copy of Non-U.S. Patent documents listed on Form PTO-

1449 (modified), with the exception of U.S.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	ISSUE DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	FILING DATE or 102(e) DATE IF APPROPRIATE	
	5,834,356	11/1998	Bothra et al.	438	384		
·	5,998,257	12/1999	Lane et al.	438	253		
	6,740,942 B2	5/2004	Baukus et al.	257	406		
	10/828,022		Chow et al.			4/19/2004	
	10/881,286		Chow et al.			6/29/2004	

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